

February 12, 2022 COVID-19 Mandate Protests Operational Impacts Sit Rep

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<i>Situational Report</i>
COVID-19 Mandate Protests Operational Impacts
February 12, 2022 – 1500 ET

Background

On January 15, 2022, an Order of Council (OIC) was put in place to mandate vaccinations for commercial truck drivers crossing the border. As a result, commercial truck drivers around the country have organized and started protesting outside port of entries (POEs) by blocking roads and slowing traffic, along with a convoy of commercial vehicles headed towards Ottawa to protest outside Parliament.

Bottom Line

Cornwall

- * As of 1200 ET, there are roughly 75 vehicles including tractors, trucks and cars, at or near the intersection (just outside the PO. There is approximately 100-150 people participating. No impact to operations at this time.

Lansdowne

- * As of 10:51ET, a line of trucks/cars and dump trucks left the village of Lansdowne and heading south. OPP at the Hill Island bridge have been notified. Vehicles have begun to gather at the meeting spot in Gananoque.
- * As of 1314 ET, POE reports no delays

Ambassador Bridge

- * It is anticipated the ramps to the Ambassador Bridge will be opened at some point today @12:00 – OPP has taken back most of occupied area and continues to push line back towards Tecumseh. Once the police formed a line, protestors lined up opposite them and were informed, via loudspeaker, to move or they will be arrested.
- * The situation is fluid and ongoing
- * As of 1200 ET on Feb 12, protestors and the blockade remain along Huron Church Rd. Partner agencies report police move in on Ambassador Bridge blockade after injunction deadline passes. [Link](#)
- * As of 1013 ET, the border wait time is 5 min

Peace Bridge

- * People on foot are attempting to breach CBSA entrance at PB Traffic. Info relayed to Bridge Chiefs. 2 NRP marked vehicles, and 4 officers in employee parking lot.
- * QEW Ramps at Concession/Thompson Rd/Central Ave US bound closed by OPP
- * At 1000 ET, Vehicles and pedestrians on Netherby overpass. Vehicles waiting to join convoy lines up to Montrose. Pedestrians on Lyons creek overpass as well.
- * As of 1310 ET the border wait time is 2 min for commercial trucks and 8 min for travellers

Sarnia Blue Water Bridge

- * As of 12:15 ET, TC reports that a group of approximately 30 people has begun to gather underneath the Blue Water Bridge along the water front. Some members in the group are waving Canada / United States of America flags. The O.P.P was notified.
- * As of 1246 ET, the Blue Water Bridge reports border wait times of 45 minutes for commercial trucks.

Emerson

- * As of 00:23 ET on February 12, 2022, Emerson POE reports no changes in regards to the blockade.

Coutts

- * As of 1330 ET, services at Coutts POE will be temporarily suspended this afternoon. PRA and HQ are preparing messaging.

Pacific Highway

- * As of 10:00 PST, the demonstration continues near the POE, with approximately 150-200 participants.. One RCMP vehicle is parked monitoring gathering in that location. RCMP have set up multiple checkpoints to control access to and from the POE's.
- * 8th Ave and 176th Street in all directions.
Highway 99 and 8th Ave roundabouts
0 Ave and 184th Street
2nd and 4th Ave and 175a Street
- * There was no media observed on site. There is currently no impact on operations at Pac Hwy Traffic or Pac Hwy Commercial Operations.

Upcoming Protests Events

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ONGOING	CONFIRMED	UNCONFIRMED
• Ottawa – Parliament Hill protest continues • Cornwall - As of 0850 ET, there are about 26 vehicles just outside the POE. Police on site.	• Ottawa – protests continue at Parliament Hill and downtown. • Lansdowne – Feb 12 - Intel reports of slow roll out of Gananoque	CANADA <u>February 12</u> • Fredericton, NB • Montreal, QUE (Jarry Park)

· Sault Ste. Marie – no protestors but police on site · Sarnia – Hwy 402 blockade · London: Putnam ON near 401, approximately 20 MTO vehicles waiting in parking lot. Destination unknown, but there is a scheduled Slow Roll from London to Windsor scheduled for today · Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022 – Ambassador Bridge · Coutts – North and South bound lanes blocked off, gates closed. RCMP request in to close the POE. · Emerson – Blockade remains north of the POE. Some processing for passenger vehicles. Commercial redirected. · Pacific Highway (near POE)	through Town and heading to Hill Island · Montreal Airport – Feb 12, 2022 Overseas: · New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests · France – Protest activity in support of Canadian protests (convoy to Belgium) · Netherlands Feb 12 – Protest activities related to Canadian protest (potentially related to convoy to Belgium)	· Lansdowne, NOR (Thousand Island Bridge) · Thunder Bay / Pigeon River · Peace Bridge, SOR · Regway, PRA · Edmonton, PRA · Osoyoos, PAC · Paterson, PAC <u>February 13</u> · Fredericton, NB · Fort Frances, NOR · Edmonton, PRA <u>February 19</u> · Lacolle, QUE <u>Unknown date</u> · SOR Rail blockade · North Portal, SK / Boissevain, MB USA · Buffalo – Feb 12 · Peace Bridge, NY – Feb 12 · Port Huron / Samia – Feb 12 Overseas · Brussels - Freedom Convoy Europe 2022 · Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests
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US Protestors Identified at Port of Entry

- Reports received from CBSA POEs regarding Enhance Vigilance Exams of potential protestors:

POE	Vehicle #	Enhanced vigilance exams (PAX #)	Direct Back	Allowed to Leave	Granted Entry	Comments
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3	3	0		Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.

Douglas, PAC	10	21	18	3		Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Lansdowne, NOR	1	2			2	Journalists looking to document the protests in Ottawa. Provided necessary credentials and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose of travel.
Prescott, NOR	1	1			1	Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been directed to quarantine by CBSA and PHAC
Sault Ste. Marie, NOR	2	2	1			U.S. citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa. Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to comply with COVID entry requirements and ran the port
Total	16	29	22	3	3	

Atlantic Region

Quebec Region

- * No impacts to CBSA operations reported

Northern Ontario Region

Sault Ste. Marie

- As of 13:08 ET, the POE reports an increase protestor presence to approx. 24 protestors. Protest has expanded to corner of Huron and Queen St. on the east side of Huron up to corner of Albert St. City Police presence has increase to approx. 10 officers - Still no operational impacts.

Cornwall

- As of 1200 ET, Protesters are near the POE, however no impact to operations at this time
- As 1132 ET, The crowd of supporters has grown to over 100 people with many vehicles parked down Water Street. It is difficult to see from the toll booth with all the farm vehicles. POE notes an increase of curious Akwesasne community members looping through. The U.S. Customs Border Protection (U.S. CBP) report no activity on the U.S. side. Two (2) ambulances went through in both directions without issue. Protestors have stated they will permit ambulances to flow.
- [Police warn of delays at Cornwall border crossing amid tractor protest | CTV News](#)

Lansdowne

- As of 1200 ET, Kingston Intel reports that there is a scheduled Protest out of the Town of Gananoque that will be mustering in town and will be doing a "slow roll" through town and heading to Hill Island (Lansdowne). It is expected that this will begin at 10:00 ET in Gananoque. OPP (4 officers) are at the north and south bound ends of the Hill Island bridge.
- PHAC, Duty Free, TIBA, USCBP and OPP have all been advised of the planned protest for Hill Island.

Greater Toronto Area Region

- In response to social media posts announcing a possible demonstration, Toronto Police Service have closed streets around Queen's Park Circle to traffic.
 - Toronto Police close streets ahead of 2nd weekend convoy protest. [Link](#)
- NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto until 13 Feb.

Southern Ontario Region

Passage count week by week comparison (updated February 12, 2022 09:00 ET) SOR Commercial Conveyance Count

# Passages (Commercial Conveyances)	2022 01 31 Monday	2022 02 01 Tuesday	2022 02 02 Wednesday	2022 02 03 Thursday	2022 02 04 Friday	2022 02 07 Monday	2022 02 08 Tuesday	2022 02 09 Wednesday	2022 02 10 Thursday	2022 02 11 Friday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Commercial	3,554	4,864	4,365	3,385	4,389	1,728	5	0	0	0
Barnia Blue Water Bridge Commercial	2,117	2,828	2,182	1,937	2,460	2,663	4,845	5,119	4,894	4,894
Fort Erie Commercial	1,258	1,762	1,832	1,260	1,539	1,362	2,009	2,241	2,526	2,526
Niagara Queenston Commercial	1,168	1,386	1,440	1,017	1,152	1,213	1,372	1,934	1,964	1,964
Commercial Conveyance Total	8,097	10,840	9,819	7,599	9,540	6,966	8,231	9,274	9,384	9,384
Difference						14%	24%	6%	23%	2%
						1,131	2,609	545	1,785	2,418

SOR Traveller Conveyance Count

# Passages (Non Commercial Conveyances)	2022 01 31 Monday	2022 02 01 Tuesday	2022 02 02 Wednesday	2022 02 03 Thursday	2022 02 04 Friday	2022 02 07 Monday	2022 02 08 Tuesday	2022 02 09 Wednesday	2022 02 10 Thursday	2022 02 11 Friday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Travellers	1,825	1,873	1,040	872	1,544	611	13	21	16	16
Windsor Tunnel	2,711	3,058	1,693	1,551	2,631	4,029	4,462	4,823	4,762	4,762
Barnia Blue Water Bridge Travellers	566	550	279	331	716	578	394	380	485	485
Fort Erie Traveller	1,164	1,085	1,017	641	1,049	1,140	998	969	930	930
Niagara Queenston Bridge Travellers	543	416	416	284	512	491	445	452	586	586
Rainbow Bridge Traveller	339	278	265	179	302	334	301	381	465	465
Non Commercial Conveyance Total	7,148	7,260	4,710	3,858	6,754	7,183	6,615	7,026	7,244	7,244
Difference						0%	9%	49%	88%	7%
						35	645	2,316	3,386	61

Ambassador Bridge

- * As reported by TC at 10:08 EST, several buses carrying police personnel have arrived on site and law enforcement members have swelled in numbers and are currently staged. Police are slowly approaching protesters at this time. Action by police is continuing and this situation is very fluid and active at this time.
- * As of 1303 ET, TC reports that Essex Terminal Railway (ETR) has returned staff and railway equipment back to Lincoln Yard and away from the area of the protest. They will reattempt possibly tomorrow. There will be no train movements through the rail crossing across the front of the Ambassador Bridge today.
- * As of 1200 ET partner agency reports that at the request of OPP, TC issued a NOTAM restricting airspace over the protest area in Windsor from 05:00-17:00 EST 12 Feb.

Map of Ambassador Bridge Vicinity showing impacted areas



Blue Water Bridge:

- * Sarnia Convoy 2022 Facebook page and Telegram show very little on intended activities for the day. There is conflicting messages regarding the direction of those in Sarnia should go to show their support. (402 Hwy Blockade or Windsor Ambassador Bridge Blockade).

Peace Bridge

- * As of 1230 ET, POE reports Town of Fort Erie vehicles and Niagara Regional Police have blocked Central Ave exit off from the QEW as well as at the intersection of Central Avenue and Queen St. Staff will have to take one of the other alternatives accesses to staff parking lot.
- * As of 11:45, no border wait time delays. All 5 truck lanes open.
- * PBA vehicles are blocking accesses at various points with the Peace Bridge complex.
- * Large number of passenger (150-200) with supporter flags lining up on Niagara Pkwy public road near Commercial building. Peaceful and horns being honked. Cars constantly moving between Princess St, Queen St to Mather's Arch along Parkway. Large number of protesters congregating at Mather's Arch Park. PBA monitoring that movement. NRP are also on site.
- * Protesters have now made a large presence in the CBSA staff parking lot for Traffic operations.
- * 40-50 people with flags, horns. NRP has arrived to block them from entrance to CBSA building.
- * Dozens of others have gone down the hill embankment behind RPU and with the direction of NRP are moving westbound past the PBA tolls. Protesters are now standing on the QEW. Police are speaking with them to get them to move. Another large group is setting up at Mathers Arch.
- * This weekend, Convoy To Save America (CTSA), a new group formed to peacefully support the official Freedom Convoy 2022, will send two convoys to the U.S. side of the border at the

Peace Bridge, Buffalo, NY. One will be travelling up from Kentucky and one will be travelling through New York State. The convoys will end at Pat Sole Park in Buffalo and a rally is planned near the Peace Bridge. They will bring supplies to truckers and supporters to help them peacefully assemble in celebration of freedom.

Prairie Region

Combined Conveyance Counts (as some small POEs do not differentiate between commercial or travellers)

# Passages (Conveyances)	2022-02-03 Thursday	2022-02-04 Friday	2022-02-05 Saturday	2022-02-06 Sunday	2022-02-07 Monday	2022-02-08 Tuesday	2022-02-09 Wednesday	2022-02-10 Thursday	2022-02-11 Friday
Coutts Travellers	27	44	46	83	92	58	15	20	50
Coutts Commercial *	59	117	139	154	196	161	0	12	20
Emerson Travellers	88	97	63	87	98	57	91	34	19
Emerson Commercial	620	763	572	337	438	649	771	63	0
Del Bonita	157	118	0	0	61	64	255	336	287
Carway	62	63	83	97	62	31	67	87	78
Aden	6	6	9	6	1	4	8	6	6
Other Commercial POEs									
Regway	102	81	44	44	59	75	78	73	70
Rooseville	135	128	83	127	91	89	125	161	142
North Portal Travellers	47	58	37	40	43	44	38	52	48
North Portal Commercial	382	279	277	305	259	291	427	452	294
Sprague	59	78	21	28	64	71	64	117	123
Boissevain	104	117	40	35	112	123	146	193	148

Emerson:

- As of 12:15 ET, the POE reports that the RCMP continue to monitor and provide updates. Protesters have stated to RCMP and local carriers they may stop allowing livestock vehicles through. Some passenger vehicle travel continues to be processed and released via secondary roads, while commercial vehicles are returned to the US and directed to alternate POEs.

Prairie Region provided the processing hours for the following ports of entry for Feb 12 and 13, 2022:

Feb 12th and 13th

Alberta

Regular Travellers:

- Del Bonita (0900 – 1700 MT) Sat & Sun
- Carway (0800 – 1800 MT) 7 days a week

Commercial Traffic:

- Rooseville, BC
- North Portal, SK

Manitoba

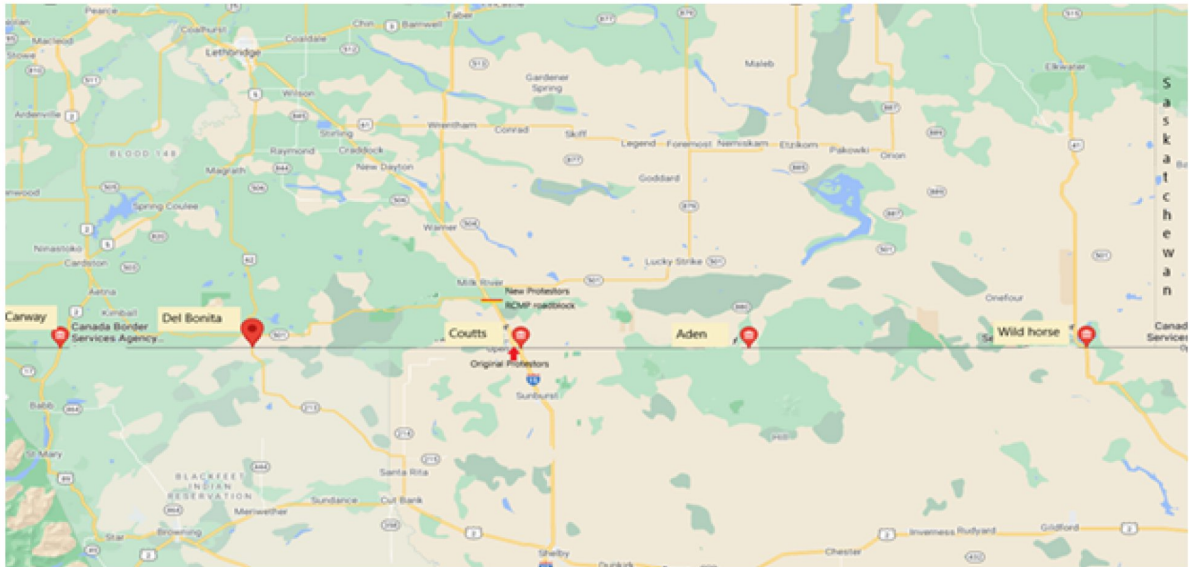
Regular Travellers:

- Tolstoi (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- Gretna (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- Boissevain (24/7)
- Sprague (24/7)

Commercial Traffic:

- Boissevain and Sprague

Road map locations of Carway, Coutts and Del Bonita POEs, AB:



Gretna:

- * As of 1216 ET, the border wait time stands at 150 minutes. This is attributed to the increase in traffic diverted from the Emerson POE.

North Portal

- As of 13:25 ET, Superintendent has been advised RCMP have set up 2 checkpoints on HWY 39 on the road to POE and near the rail tracks near the POE. One check point is just north of the POE, one further north on the highway. RCMP stated that they intent to verify purpose of travel and allow a few trucks through at a time. RCMP advised that there is a potential for a rally of supporters coming from Regina.

Regina, SK and Regway POE:

- A convoy is expected to take place on 12 Feb, with a truck convoy departing Regina and travelling down Hwy 6 to the Regway POE.
 - o Convoy to Saskatchewan-US border planned Saturday in solidarity with Ottawa protest. [Link](#)
 - o Sask. Premier asks protesters not to block border crossings during planned weekend demonstrations. [Link](#)

Pacific Region

Intelligence and Enforcement

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: At this time (12FEB2022:1330), the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

ANALYSIS:

General Threats

- No change to posture. According to the RCMP, no formal organized plot of violence has been identified. Factors such as the circulation of misinformation, exhaustion, substance abuse, altercations amongst protesters and with law enforcement and the influence of ideologically

motivated actors or charismatic speakers may impact the temperature of the crowd. The potential for violence by a lone actor or fringe group cannot be discounted.

- February 11, 2022, 10:45 hrs, Ontario Premier Doug Ford has declared a 'state of emergency in Ontario' with fines of up to \$100,000 and a year in prison for people who stop roadways. Emergency orders will be temporary but the Ontario government anticipates bringing in new permanent laws on the deliberate blockade of roadways.
- Solidarity actions across Canada have occurred in every province and at least one territory in the past week. These actions are expected to continue, with potential international implications arising from convoys at border crossings in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Ontario. Based on chatter online celebrating the perceived effectiveness of the convoys and international camaraderie between anti-public health networks in the U.S. and Canada, it is possible that sporadic disruptions at Canadian border crossings will persist for as long as national solidarity actions related to the current situation in Ottawa continue. The prolonging of existing restrictions in January 2022 has led to increasingly violent rhetoric appearing online within anti-public health order narratives.
- On 11 Feb, Transport Canada reported they are monitoring planned protests to occur today at airports in the following cities: Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver.
- s.38 [REDACTED] that there is an anticipated weekend protest activity at Thousand Islands. s.38 [REDACTED] also tracking Buffalo/Fort Erie protest activity at the Peace Bridge. At this time CBSA has not received any information to indicate that the US based planned protests will have any operational impact at the Lansdowne POE on the Canadian side of the border.

POE Threats

- An ongoing analysis of SRT reporting, OSINT, s.38 [REDACTED] indicates that there are no credible threats currently identified for any POE.
- On 12 February 2022 as of 7:00 ET, CBSA Intel has learned that the protest at Lacolle POE is scheduled for Saturday February 19. Sûreté du Québec has planned to set up a command centre prior to the event and a CBSA liaison officer will be present.
- US CBP reporting: Multiple 'Freedom Convoy' protests continue to impact U.S. Ports of Entry (POEs) along the Northern Border with calls for additional protests in the coming days. The Freedom Convoy movement that originated in Canada is impacting multiple POEs and efforts appear underway to expand the protests to other POEs as well as the interior United States. In addition to the ongoing protests at the Ambassador Bridge POE; Detroit, MI; Sweetgrass, MT POE; and Pembina POE, ND, "slow roll" demonstrations will reportedly take place between 12-13 February on the Niagara Peace Bridge between Buffalo, NY, and Fort Erie, Canada. This protest may be similar to the one on the Ambassador Bridge in which protest activity on the Canadian side is entering the fourth day and has shut down vehicular traffic.

Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE)

- No update. According to the RCMP, while chatter encouraging peaceful and lawful protest continues to circulate, concerns exist that protest events associated with the convoy could be exploited by individuals who engage in or promote actions that pose a risk to public and officer safety. To date there has been one reported POE encounter with an individual expressing extremist ideology. On Feb 5th, an individual ran the port at Sault Ste. Marie after expressing support for QAnon influencer Romana Didulo: "Queen Ramona has lifted all the mandates. The Trudeau Government has fallen and the Alliance is in charge. Queen Ramona has told us to report anyone who enforcing these mandates." In 2021 Didulo supporters in Canada had hand

delivered fake “cease and desist” orders to the Carson, Cascade, Paterson, Waneta, Nelway, Rykerts, & Kingsgate POEs. In 2021 Didulo urged her armed followers to kill individuals involved in administering the COVID vaccination program and also any individuals who enforce government mandated COVID restrictions or requirements for vaccination.

- According to ITAC’s latest (08 Feb) Threat Highlight: Those seeking to undertake legitimate protest are distinct from those actors espousing violent extremism. The convergence of legitimate protest with ideological extremism both online and in cities across the country presents a possible trigger point and opportunity for potential lone actor attackers to conduct an attack.
- As of 07:00, SOR reporting indicates information received by partners concerning a potentially inadmissible person (A37 Org. Crim.) who may be arriving this evening from Europe to attend protest events in Windsor. Development efforts remain ongoing with NTC and enforcement partners. ICAP has followed up with SOR Intel.

Other Threats

- Ongoing threat.** The size, unorganized potential and general distraction of some these POE protests continue to create conditions where both criminal actors and migrants may use the events to illegally cross the border into Canada. This may also include protesters who wish to join events on the Canadian side of the border, but do not want to report to Border Service Officers.

Communications

- No update at this time

Other Governmental Departments and Media

POE name	Province	s.37 POI	Designated Commercial Office	Status	Police of Jurisdiction	POJ Notified	POJ Present
Pacific Highway	BC	Yes	✓	Ongoing PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	Yes
Douglas	BC	Yes			RCMP	Yes	No
Abbotsford/Huntington	BC	Yes	✓		Abbotsford PD	Yes	No
Coutts	AB	Yes	✓	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes
North Portal	SK	Yes	✓	Planned PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	No
Emerson	MB	Yes	✓	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes
Pigeon River	ON	Yes	✓	Planned PROTEST	Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	TBD
Fort Frances	ON	Yes	✓	Planned PROTEST	Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	TBD
Sault Ste Marie	ON	Yes	✓	Ongoing PROTEST	Sault Ste Marie Police	Yes	TBD
Sarnia	ON	Yes	✓	Ongoing PROTEST	Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	Yes
Windsor - Ambassador Bridge	ON	Yes	✓	Ongoing BLOCKADE	Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Windsor-Detroit Tunnel	ON	Yes			Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)	ON	Yes	✓	Ongoing PROTEST	Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Rainbow Bridge	ON	Yes			Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	No
Niagara (Queenston)	ON	Yes	✓	Planned PROTEST	Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Lansdowne	ON	Yes	✓		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No
St-Bernard-de-Lacolle	QC	Yes	✓	Planned PROTEST	Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
Stanstead	QC	Yes	✓		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
St-Armand/Philipsburg	QC	Yes	✓		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
Woodstock	NB	Yes	✓	Planned PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	No
St-Stephens	NB	Yes	✓		RCMP	TBD	No

- There are 30-40 people on Parliament Hill, and approx. 80-100 people on the surrounding streets. Police resources are monitoring incoming convoys from Quebec and elsewhere in Ontario (as of 10:00 12 Feb).
 - Protests set to disrupt Ottawa’s downtown for 3rd straight weekend. [Link](#)

- A 'Pro-Ottawa rally', led by a coalition of local labour unions and community organizations is planned for 12 Feb at Lansdowne Park.
- DHS moves to counter truck convoy in US ahead of Super Bowl Sunday amid trucker protests. [Link](#)
- COVID protests: Hundreds fined as convoy enters Paris. [Link](#)

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